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09/698,301	10/27/2000	Michael John Niemeyer	KCC-15,568	5826

TITLE OF INVENTION: SWIMWEAR WITH BUILT-IN DRAINING MECHANISM

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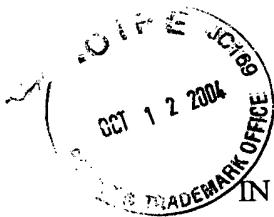
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

With respect to the Notice of Allowability mailed 27 July 2004, Applicants note that Claim 17 has not been indicated as allowed, but should be indicated as allowed.

Claim 17 was pending in the most recent Amendment, filed 30 June 2004, and has not been canceled. Applicants note that a Corrected Notice of Allowability dated 14 September 2004 is indicated on the PAIR system, but a copy has not been mailed to Applicants.

The purpose of pointing out this omission is to ensure that Claim 17 is included in the patent that issues from the above-referenced patent application.

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